

FIRE BY THE LIGHTNING.

SIX LIVES LOST BY THE EXPLOSION OF A GREAT OIL TANK.

Tanks, Piers, Cars, and Boats at the Standard Oil Company's Communion Works Destroyed by Flames Ignited by a Electric Spark—The Explosion Killed Six Men and Wounded Others.

During the tremendous thunder storm of yesterday morning the lightning set fire to an oil tank at the National Storage Company at Communipaw, and created a series of terrific explosions, one of which resulted in the loss of six lives. The company's premises are on low ground, directly on the shore of New York Bay. They comprise about twenty acres, and upon them are twenty-six oil tanks, two single-story brick houses for the storage of barrels, and three smaller brick buildings used respectively as the engine house, machine shop, and business office. The tanks were of various sizes, the largest ones having a capacity of 25,000 barrels, and the smallest of 5,000. They were built of iron, and were situated in a line, and were surrounded by a high wall of brick. The foundations were of brick, and they were constructed of that material to a height of about fifteen feet from the ground. Above that they were made of heavy boiler iron. At 3 o'clock, a bolt of lightning that struck the tank, exploded, and a sheet of flame shot up more than 300 feet in the air. Then immense volumes of smoke poured out of the blazing tank.

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TYNAN MOST WANTED.

England Expected to Ask for Frank Byrne and His Wife Also.

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MOTT STREET PICKETED.

CHINESE SENTINELS ON DUTY BEFORE THE JOINTS.

Doors Shut Up Tight and Alarm Bells Handy—Holds in Pail and Park Streets—A Secret Door—Why Secretary Jenkins Hesitates.

The platoon joints in Mott, Pell, and Park streets were shut up tight in the daylight hours yesterday. Chinamen were scarce in the streets. While men crowded in, an extra force of policemen was on duty, and members of the Young Men's Association of Transfiguration parish kept watch in front of the houses 11, 14, 16, 17, and 18 Mott street. They keep this watch day and night. In some of the houses the basements are boarded up, but signs in Chinese text remain outside.

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FATAL MISTAKE IN A HOSPITAL.

Chloroform Administered for Malignant and Two Patients Killed.

St. Louis, May 10.—It was discovered today that a blunder was made by some one at the City Hospital yesterday evening, who has already resulted in the death of two patients, and may cause the death of a third. Among the patients in the surgical ward were David Kelleher, steward for the University Club, who had two slight knife wounds; Joseph Slattinger, suffering from injuries to his hand, and Amadio Jones, colored, with an abscessed leg. Physicians made their rounds yesterday forenoon, and for each of the three prescribed sulphate of magnesia, tincture of cardamom, and water. The dose to be taken just before dinner. The patients took the medicine on the appointed time, and at about 2 o'clock one of the nurses discovered that all three were almost in comas. The doctor called, and everything possible was done. But Kelleher died in fifteen minutes. The other two were revived. Dr. Slattinger died at 3 1/2 o'clock. The doctor called, and everything possible was done. But Kelleher died in fifteen minutes. The other two were revived. Dr. Slattinger died at 3 1/2 o'clock. The doctor called, and everything possible was done. But Kelleher died in fifteen minutes. The other two were revived. Dr. Slattinger died at 3 1/2 o'clock.

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PHIL. B. THOMPSON'S TRIAL.

THE PLEA OF INSANITY RELIED UPON FOR AN ACQUITTAL.

Witnesses Describing the Harborside Tragedy Under Oath—The Case for the Prosecution Closed and the Defense Begun.

HARBOURSIDE, N.Y., May 10.—The third day of the Thompson murder trial was begun by the swearing of witnesses for both sides and putting them on their feet. Forty witnesses were sworn for the prosecution, and nearly as many for the defense. The first witness called was K. C. Smith, ex-Marshall of Harborside, who testified in substance as follows:

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THE REBELLION IN HAYTI.

Rebels in Miragoane Blowing Up a Bridge and Killing 400 Persons.

St. Thomas, May 5.—Advice from Hayti is conflicting. Some report that the cause of the rebellion in Miragoane is on the point of being cut off. The true situation seems to be that Miragoane, which is defended by about 700 rebels, holds out against 6,000 Government troops while the rest of the republic is comparatively quiet, although there is a rumor that the town of St. Marc is not for Gen. Basile, but in favor of Gen. Piquant. Several noted persons at Cap Haytien have been arrested. Six hundred fugitive inhabitants of Miragoane have reached Port-au-Prince on board a Norwegian bark. They say that the rebels blew up a bridge at Miragoane with dynamite, killing 200 persons and wounding 200 more. A boat with four men, which ran the blockade at Miragoane, has arrived at Kingston, carrying letters to Gen. Basile, assuring him that the force in Miragoane can resist the siege for four months.

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AN ODD COURT PROCEEDING.

JERRY DUNN'S TRIAL PERPETUALLY ADJOURNED WITHOUT EXPLANATION.

Remained Later On, with a Spring Man in the Jury Box—Fred Plinkard's Testimony—Emory Morris's Plea for the Prisoner.

CHICAGO, May 10.—The trial of Jerry Dunn for the murder of Prize Fighter Elliott, personally developed some curious phases. The jury had been selected and sworn, and there was no reason to believe that the trial would not proceed with this morning. When the hour of opening arrived neither Judge, jury, nor counsel were present. Dunn sat at a table with a Deputy Sheriff personally waiting. Finally at 10:30 o'clock Mr. Storrs and Col. Munn, attorneys for Dunn, emerged from the Judge's private office. Soon after, his Honor appeared with State Attorney Mills. Taking his seat, Judge Smith announced without any explanatory remarks that the court would stand adjourned until 2 P. M. The Judge was appealed to by the newspaper men for an explanation, but he said: "I have adjourned court, and that's all there is about it." Messrs. Mills, Storrs, and Munn were equally non-committal. All kinds of rumors were started, and an impression prevailed that negotiations for a compromise of some kind were in progress. It was said that the charge would be changed to that of manslaughter, and that the accused had agreed to plead guilty on the understanding that his imprisonment should be known by no one but the year in the penitentiary. A reporter asked Dunn if he intended to plead guilty to manslaughter. The reply was that he would not plead guilty until he had been granted motion of the State Attorney, who had discovered that Jacob Hardy, whom he charged with shooting at him, had been granted a full pardon. He therefore presumably refused to plead guilty until he had been granted a full pardon. He therefore presumably refused to plead guilty until he had been granted a full pardon.

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